(c) and (d) A seminar on Industrial Development Review of India was organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) on July 18, 1995 in cooperation with the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and United Nations Industrial Development Organisation (UNIDO) to mark the release of the book entitled 'India—Industrial Development Review'. Certain observations were made during the course of the seminar on various issues relating to industrial development including functioning of BIFR.

Petition by Tour Operators and Travel Agents

120. SHRI S. AUSTIN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the leading tour operators and travel agents have presented a petition to Government seeking initiation of administration tariffs for the domestic hotel industry;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Decline in value of Indian Rupee

121. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the parity of the Indian rupee vis-a-vis the dollar and other currencies of the world are vitiated recently;

(b) whether Government have analysed the whole spectrum in this regard, if so, with what results; and

(c) whether it is a fact that the RBI did not play an active part in this episode, if so, whether Government propose to review the role of the RBI in such situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (DR. DEBIPROSAD PAL): (a) to (c) The external value of the rupee, in relation to the US dollar and some other major currencies, came under downward pressure during the recent months. While the rupee-dollar rate has remained stable since August 1993, the inflation differentials between India and abroad warranted an adjustment of the rupee exchange rate in nominal terms. When the extent of adjustment by the market was considered excessive, the Reserve Bank of India intervened in the foreign exchange market. As a consequence, the rupee-dollar rate has remained below Rs. 35 per US dollar since the beginning of November 1995. The timing and extent of intervention by the Reserve Bank of India is considered appropriate and adequate.

Proposal to hand over loss making airports to private parties

122. DR. B.B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports in the country at present;

(b) how many of these are making profits;

(c) location of loss making airports in the country;

(d) whether there is a proposal to hand over loss making airports to States and private parties; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Airports

Authority of India owns and maintains 92 airports, including 5 international airports. In addition, Airports Authority of India also maintains 28 civil enclaves at Defence airports.

(b) only 25 airports show cash profits.

(c) List of loss making airports is attached as a statement (*see* below).

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir. Airports Authority of India has a proposal to hand over 32 loss making airports to the concerned State Governments for upgradation/maintenance. No final decision has been taken in this regard.

Statement

Location of loss making Airports

1. Bhavnagar
2. Bhopal
3. Nagpur
4. Raipur
5. Rajkot
6. Kandla
7. Keshod
8. Porbandar
9. Belgaum
10. Jabalpur
11. Jamnagar
12. Amritsar
13. Jodhpur
14. Khajuraho
15. Lucknow
16. Varanasi
17. Bhuntar
18. Kanpur (Civil)
19. Shimla
20. Delhi (Safdarjung)
21. Ludhiana
22. Kota
23. Dehradun
24. Agra
25. Chandigarh
26. Jammu
27. Srinagar
28. Leh
29. Kanpur (Chakeri)
30. Gwalior
31. Trichy
32. Rajamundry
33. Tirupati
34. Vijayawada
35. Tuticorin
36. Agatti
37. Pondicherry
38. Visakhapatnam
39. Salem
40. Daparijo
41. Along
42. Allahabad
43. Passighat
44. Baroda
45. Patna
46. Ranchi
47. Bhubaneshwar
48. Behala
49. Port Blair
50. Dimapur
51. Imphal
52. Lilabari
53. Shillong (Barapani)
54. Aizwal
55. Dibrugarh
56. Guwahati
57. Jorhat
58. Silchar
59. Ziro
60. Tezu
61. Agartala
62. Tezpur
63. Akola
64. Balurghat
65. Donakonda
66. Gaya
67. Jharsguda
68. Kailashahr
69. Kolhapur
70. Malda
71. Muzzafarpur
72. Rupsi
73. Warrangal
74. Cooch Behar
75. Gaggal
76. Pantnagar
77. Gorakhpur
78. Bikaner
79. Khandwa
80. Khowai
81. Bilaspur
82. Lalitpur
83. Cuddapah
84. Hassan
85. Mysore

86. Panna
87. Raxaul
88. Jhansi
89. Satna
90. Shella
91. Sholapur
92. Jogbani
93. Vellore
94. Deesa
95. Kamalpur

राज्यों में विद्युत परियोजनाओं का पूरा होना

123. **श्री रामजी लाल:** क्या **विद्युत** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार ने कुछ विद्युत परियोजनाओं को विभिन्न राज्यों में दो-दो राज्यों के बीच आरम्भ किया हुआ है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उत्तरी भारत में ऐसी कितनी परियोजनाएं हैं और उनके पूरा होने की निर्धारित तिथि क्या है;

(ग) इन परियोजनाओं पर पहले ही कितनी धनराशि खर्च की जा चुकी है;

(घ) इन परियोजनाओं से कितनी मात्रा में बिजली का उत्पादन होगा; और

(ङ) सरकार द्वारा इन परियोजनाओं को शीघ्र पूरा करने हेतु कौन-कौन से कदम उठाए जा रहे हैं?

विद्युत मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती उर्मिला बेन चिमनभाई पटेल): (क) जी हां।

(ख) से (घ) ब्यौरा निम्नवत् है:-

क्रम सं०	परियोजना का नाम	अधिष्ठापित क्षमता	पूरा किए जाने की निर्धारित तिथि	व्यय की गई धनराशि (करोड़ रुपये)
1.	राजघाट एच०ई० प्रोजेक्ट	3×15 मे० वा०	1996-97	52.95 (जून, 95 तक)
2.	नाथपा झकरी एचई प्रोजेक्ट	1500 मे० वा०	1998-2000	981.07 (सितम्बर, 95 तक)
3.	टिहरी एचई प्रोजेक्ट	1000 मे० वा०	2000-2001	935.88 (सितम्बर, 95 तक)

(ङ) विद्युत मंत्रालय और केन्द्रीय विद्युत प्राधिकरण द्वारा उपरोक्त उल्लिखित परियोजनाओं के विभिन्न कार्यों की प्रगति की मानिटरिंग की जा रही है। इस सम्बन्ध में, नियमित रूप से समीक्षा बैठकें आयोजित की जा रही हैं और अधिकारियों को परियोजनाओं के स्थलों पर नियुक्त किया गया है, ताकि प्रभावी मानिटरिंग को सुनिश्चित किया जा सके।

Pilferage of life jackets

124. SHRI JOHN F. FERNANDES: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that hundreds of life jackets which are meant for passengers safety in aeroplanes are found missing/pilfered which pose a great safety risk to the travelling passengers;

(b) if so, number of such life jackets found missing/pilfered from Air India and Indian Airlines respectively;

(c) what is the total loss suffered by these two public sector carriers; and

(d) what steps are contemplated to prevent these losses and whether any action has been taken on any airlines for maintaining short supply of these 'life jackets' in flights?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) Although life jackets kept in the passengers' cabin of the aircraft of Indian Airlines are sometimes found missing, this poses no safety risk to the passengers since car-